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FOR UNDER SECRETARY HABIB, DEPTASSTSEC VELIOTES (NEA) AND
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SUBJECT: MIG-21 MAINTENANCE

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1. NOW THAT OVERHAUL REQUIREMENTS ARE BECOMING CLEARER
AS A RESULT OF DISCUSSIONS IN CAIRO, WE BELIEVE IT IS
PRUDENT TO REMIND ALL CONCERNED THAT ITALIAN FIRMS ARE
UNDER OBLIGATION TO PRIME MINISTER ANDREOTTI TO SATISFY
HIS CONCERNS REGARDING UNNECESSARY PUBLICITY SURROUNDING
THIS SENSITIVE PROJECT. WHEN WE FIRST APPROACHED THE
PRIME MINISTER, EVINCING CONCERN OVER POSSIBLE CONSEQUENCES
APPEARANCE OF MIG-31S WOULD HAVE IN ITALY, HE ASKED THAT
THE POSSIBILITY OF PERFORMING AIRFRAME MAINTENANCE IN
EGYPT BE CONSIDERED. WE HAVE EXPLAINED THE PRIME MINISTER'S
CONCERN CAREFULLY TO COLONEL O'MALLEY AND THE GE/LOCKHEED
REPRESENTATIVES. THEY, IN TURN, HAVE APPRISED THE
POTENTIAL ITALIAN CONTRACTORS OF THIS CONSIDERATION
AND HAVE SUGGESTED THAT THEY (ITALIAN REPS.) CLEAR WHATEVER
ARRANGEMENTS ARE MADE WITH THE PRIME MINISTER. THEY HAVE
NAME AND TELEPHONE NUMBER OF PRIME MINISTER'S

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2. BEFORE ANY COMMITMENT IS MADE TO EGYPTIANS
ABOUT TRANSPORTING MIGS TO ITALY--AND PARTICULARLY,
POSSIBILITY OF TEST-FLYING AIRCRAFT IN ITALY AFTER
OVERHAUL (PARA 2, REFTTEL)--WE BELIEVE IT IS ESSENTIAL
THAT ITALIAN COMPANIES OBTAIN GREEN LIGHT FROM

PRIME MINISTER.

3. FOR THE SAME SECURITY MOTIVES, WE WOULD
SUGGEST THAT IF DIRECT COOPERATION BETWEEN ITALIAN
AND BRITISH FIRMS IS CONTEMPLATED (PARA 5, REFTTEL),
ITALIAN COMPANIES SHOULD ALSO CHECK THIS OUT WITH THE
PRIME MINISTER.

4. SUGGEST DEPARTMENT REPEAT THIS MESSAGE TO CAIRO.GARDNER

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